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SUBJECT: PROBLEM IN PROCUREMENT OF GOI OF HELICOPTERS

1. LOCAL AGENT FOR BELL HELICOPTERS HAS INFORMED EMBASSY OF DIFFICULTIES WHICH ICELANDIC COAST GUARD IS HAVING IN PLANNED PROCUREMENT OF TWO BELL HELICOPTERS MODEL NO. 206A FROM US. ALTHOUGH GOI HAS NOT YET APPROVED FUNDS FOR PURCHASE, COAST GUARD DIRECTOR IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN PRICE QUOTE. LOCAL AGENT SAYS BELL APPARENTLY HAS LICENSING ARRANGEMENT WITH ITALIAN FIRM WHICH GIVES THAT FIRM EXCLUSIVE AGENCY RIGHTS FOR THAT MODEL FOR EUROPE. COAST GUARD DIRECTOR HAS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WILL BUY BELL EQUIPMENT ONLY IF PRODUCED IN US AND NO OTHER US MANUFACTURER MAKES COMPARABLE AIRCRAFT. DIRECTOR HAS ALSO SAID THAT IF HE CANNOT OBTAIN US-MANUFACTURED MODEL DIRECT HE MAY SEEK INTERVENTION OF US DOD TO ACT AS PROCURING AGENT. IF THIS NOT WORKABLE, DIRECTOR STATES HE WILL PURCHASE FRENCH HELICOPTERS. BELL APPARENTLY REACTED STRONGLY AGAINST SUGGESTION OF DOD INTERVENTION.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ALERT DEPARTMENT, DOD, AND COMMERCE TO PROBLEM AND TO SEEK ANY ADVICE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE TO DIRECTOR.
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